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100 and Still Going Strong



Mildred Seymour with her son, Frank Breining, Jr., and daughter, Barbara, at the Annual Maryland Centenarians Recognition Luncheon on May 10, 2008.

Born Sept. 12, 1908, in Havre de Grace, Maryland, Mildred (Cox) Seymour is among a handful of centenarians living at Asbury Methodist Village.

The Cox family settled in Bath, Maine, after arriving from England. Mildred's grandfather then migrated to Havre de Grace from Maine. Mildred was one of six children and now is the only remaining family member.

In the 1920s very few girls attended high school, but Mildred insisted on going and graduated from Baltimore's Eastern High School in 1924. Following her graduation, she met Glen Franklin Breining, also from Baltimore. Glen and Mildred were married in 1930 and had two children. Glen Franklin Breining, Jr., lives in Havre de Grace and has two sons, Glen Alan and Craig Breining. Her daughter, Barbara Ann Buchman, has one daughter, "Bobbie." Bobbie has two daughters, Erica and Allison, who both live in the Baltimore area. Erica is married and the mother of a newborn son, Caleb.

Mildred's husband Glen died in 1968, just prior to Mildred's active participation at Asbury Methodist Village.



Mildred Seymour at the 2008 Chairman's Dinner at Congressional Country Club.

The Guild at Asbury Methodist Village was very active in the 1970s. At that time, Mildred lived in Gettysburg, Pa. She was asked by Marjorie Hughes, a very close friend and then Asbury Guild president, to become vice president of the Guild. Mildred agreed, making the trip weekly to serve as vice president from 1970-74 and as Asbury Guild president from 1974-78—all while living in Gettysburg!

In 1978, Dr. Mund presented Mildred's name to the Asbury Board of Directors. She was elected and served until 1990.

In 1980, the same year she moved to Asbury Methodist Village, Mildred married the Rev. Edwin Seymour. He passed away in January 1989.

In March 1989, Ed Thomas, President & CEO, Asbury Communities, Inc., approached Mildred about creating the Asbury Methodist Village Clothes Closet. She readily

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72	6.3%
74	6.6%
76	6.9%
78	7.2%
80	7.6%
82	8.0%
84	8.6%
86	9.2%
88	9.8%
90	10.5%

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agreed, and they found space in the basement of 201 Russell Avenue, where the Clothes Closet remains today.

Mildred worked four days each week and managed the Clothes Closet until she officially retired in 1999 at the age of 90. The Clothes Closet owes its success today to the groundwork started by Mildred nearly 20 years ago.

Mildred was recognized on May 10, 2008, at the Annual Maryland Centenarians Recognition

Luncheon honoring state residents who are 100 years of age and older. She attended the luncheon with her children. A longtime supporter of the Asbury Foundation and the Benevolent Care Fund, she also attended the Foundation's 2008 Chairman's Dinner at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Md., on June 19.

It's been 28 years since Mildred moved into her apartment in Mund, the "new building" on campus at the time. We wish her a happy, celebratory centennial year at Asbury Methodist Village!

Giving At Year End

Fall is traditionally a time when we express thanks for the blessings we have received – and a time to pause and make plans for the future. For many, it can also be a time for sharing with others through charitable gifts.

Thinking carefully about what to give – and when to give it – can help increase the impact of your gifts. We would like to present a number of ideas for making gifts in ways that feature tax savings and other special benefits.

Enjoy Tax Savings

Federal tax laws and those of many states make it possible to reduce or eliminate taxes on funds you give for charitable purposes. For example, when you itemize your tax deductions, funds used to make charitable gifts can be subtracted from the amount otherwise subject to federal income tax. Because of this, you may be able to give more than you otherwise thought possible. Each year, millions of Americans take advantage of the opportunity to make charitable gifts in ways that help them reduce their tax liability.



Such gifts can eliminate tax on up to 30% of your AGI. The best assets to give are those that have increased most in value and would result in the greatest capital gains tax if sold. You may also choose to give low-yielding stocks or other investments. This will result in little or no impact on future spendable income. If

you have an investment that has decreased in value, consider selling it and making a gift of all or a portion of the cash proceeds. This results in a charitable deduction as well as a loss for tax purposes.

When making a gift of securities, check with your financial services provider to ensure that your gift is completed properly and in a timely manner. You should allow additional time for gifts of mutual fund shares or non-publicly traded securities. We will be pleased to assist in this process.

Gifts of Cash

While all gifts mailed or otherwise completed by December 31 qualify for tax deductibility for 2008, gifts of cash or by check are the most popular ways to give. Through such gifts it is possible to eliminate or reduce income tax on up to one-half of your adjusted gross income (AGI). Gifts in excess of that amount can result in tax savings in as many as five future tax years. Remember, the higher your tax bracket, the more you save.

Save More When You Give Other Assets

Gifts of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and certain other assets that have increased in value since you have owned them can result in even greater tax savings. If you have owned such assets for longer than one year, you can generally give them and deduct their current value, including any “paper profits,” from your taxable income. Congress has provided that in addition to regular tax savings, you also do not have to pay capital gains tax when you give assets that have increased in value.

Leaving a Legacy

Toward the end of each year, many also choose to review their long-range estate and financial plans. Wills, life insurance policies, retirement accounts, and other planning vehicles can offer special ways to leave a lasting legacy to charitable interests.

There are also ways to provide for meaningful future gifts while generating income, immediate tax savings, and other benefits today.

Act Now for Greatest Benefit

As the year draws to a close, act now to make certain you have accomplished your charitable goals for 2008. Remember that time spent deciding how to best make your gifts can result in maximum tax savings, other possible financial benefits, and the satisfaction of maximizing your giving. Your accountant or other advisors can provide you with more information specific to your needs.

Please contact Debi Peeks, Planned Giving Manager, at (301) 216-4051 for more information.



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 Feature Tax Savings and
 Other Special Benefits*

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